

## Update: Crime Victim Rights Manual (Revised Edition)

### CHAPTER 4

#### Protection From Revictimization

#### 4.11 Criminal Offenses That May Be Committed While Threatening or Intimidating a Victim

##### E. Malicious Use of the Telephone

Effective June 1, 2006, 2006 PA 60 and 61 expanded the conduct prohibited by MCL 750.540 and increased the severity of offenses committed under the statute. At the top of page 76, replace the first bullet and its corresponding content with the following language:

- MCL 750.540(5)(a) makes it a two-year felony to willfully and maliciously connect with, access, use, or interfere with any electronic medium of communication\* or its content without authorization. Where a violation of MCL 750.540 results in any person's injury or death, the offense is a felony punishable by not more than four years. MCL 750.540(5)(b). In *People v Hotrum*, 244 Mich App 189 (2000), the Court of Appeals held that ripping a telephone cord from the wall during a domestic violence incident is conduct covered by this statute.

\*Including the Internet, a computer, a computer program, a computer system, a computer network, a telephone, or a telegraph. MCL 750.540(6).